CHEERS!

EVERYONE GOT THEIR DRINKS?

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MOURNING 120: BECAUSE I'M NOT POPULAR, I'LL ATTEND THE PARTY

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IS IT JUST ME, OR DO ALL THE CHEERFUL TYPES LOVE BBQ?

SO SHE PICKED A KBBQ PLACE, HUH?

YEAH.

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CHEERS.

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I THOUGHT IT WAS A RIP OFF THAT SHE ASKED FOR 3,000 YEN A PERSON...

BUT IF IT'S ALL YOU CAN EAT... I GUESS IT MAKES SENSE.

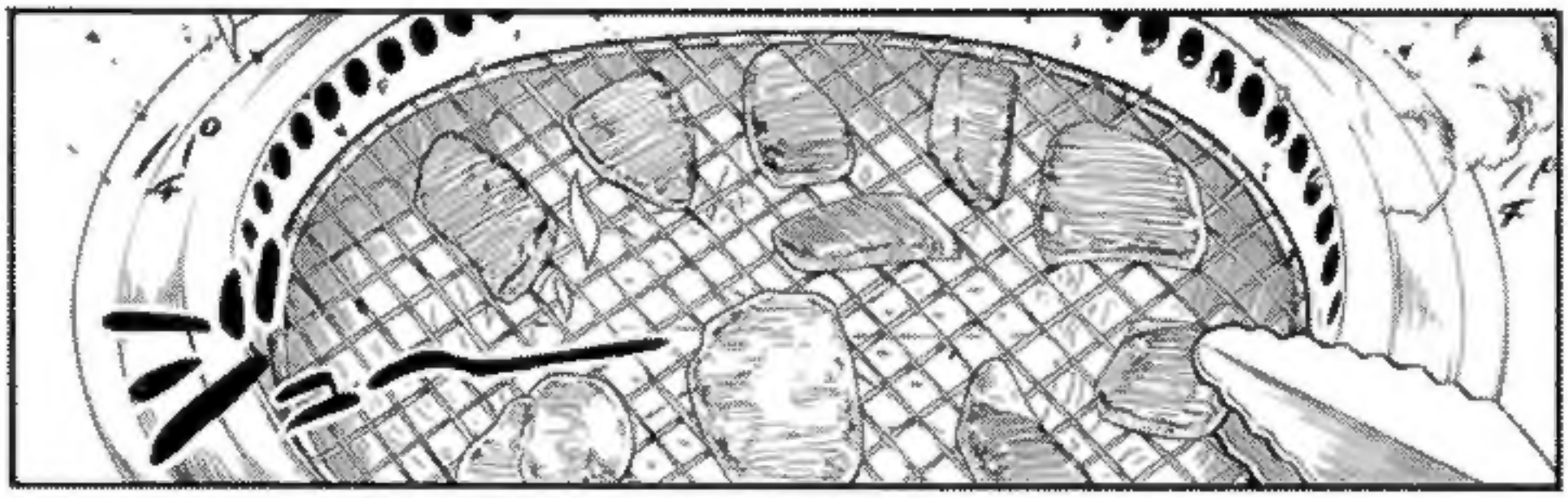
ALRIGHT, I'LL JUST ORDER WHATEVER THEN.

WHAT DO YOU WANT? IT'S ALL YOU CAN EAT SO DON'T HOLD BACK.

KUROKI-SAN, YOU TOO.

I'M FINE WITH WHAT-EVER.

SAME.



KUROKI-SAN, THESE ARE DONE IF YOU WANT SOME.

OHH, COOL.

THANKS.

SHOULD I HELP COOK?

UCCHI, I THINK YOU'RE TAKING THE WHOLE COOKING THING A LITTLE TOO SERIOUSLY!

YOU KNOW, IT'S KIND OF FUN EATING TOGETHER WITH THE FOUR OF US LIKE THIS. DON'T REALLY CARE FOR THE WHOLE PARTY THING THOUGH.

EH!?

IF WE END UP IN DIFFERENT CLASSES NEXT YEAR, THIS'LL BE THE LAST TIME WE EVER GO OUT TO EAT TOGETHER LIKE THIS.

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UCCHI?

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NEITHER OF YOU EVEN WANTED TO GO TO THIS PARTY IN THE FIRST PLACE, REMEMBER?

YEAH, BUT YOU AND KUROKI-SAN AREN'T REALLY THE KINDS OF PEOPLE TO MAKE PLANS LIKE THAT.

EVEN IF WE'RE IN DIFFERENT CLASSES, WE COULD ALWAYS JUST HANG OUT IF WE FELT LIKE IT.

ALRIGHT, EVERYONE! TIME TO SWAP SEATS AND MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS!

SURE, BUT...

B-BUT WE MIGHT STILL END UP IN THE SAME CLASS NEXT YEAR.

AND NO MATTER YOUR SPECIALTY, ALL CLASSES SHARE SOME ELECTIVES...

S-SURE.

POOR THING! WANT SOME OF MY MEAT?

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STILL HAVEN'T EATEN ANYTHING, MAKOCCHI?

OH, YEAH. I WAS TOO BUSY TALKING TO EVERY-ONE.

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I WANTED TO HANG OUT WITH YOU ON THE THIRD DAY TOO, BUT YOU BETRAYED US MAKOCCHI!

AH HA HA.

YEAH.

MAN, THIS BRINGS ME BACK TO OUR CLASS TRIP.

REMEMBER, BACK THEN WE—

WHAT IS SHE, THE CLASS MOM?

EXCUSE ME!

HUH? OH, YEAH.

KUROKI-SAN, THE MEAT'S DONE.

WANT SOME?

S-SURE.

YOUR DRINK'S EMPTY TOO. WANT A REFILL?

EVEN I CAN DO SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS GRILL MEAT AND GIVE IT TO PEOPLE!

IS THIS THE KIND OF EXPERIENCE YOU GET FROM GOING TO PARTIES?

WE'RE THE SAME AGE, SO HOW COME I FEEL LIKE THERE'S THIS HUGE DISPARITY BETWEEN US?

Want anything to drink?

Yes, please...

HA HA HA HA.

EH?

THAT WAS A NICE SCREAM!

UWOO!

WHA—

YEAH, BACK DURING FIRST SEMESTER...

SINCE THIS MIGHT BE THE LAST TIME WE EVER SEE EACH OTHER, THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE WANTED TO ASK YOU FOR A WHILE NOW...

HUH?

O-OH, YEAH.

FROM THE THREE-LEGGED RACE DURING THE SPORTS MEET?

HEY, REMEMBER ME, KUROKI-SAN?

TOTALLY FORGOT WHAT YOUR NAME IS, THOUGH.

HOW DO I BULLSHIT MY WAY OUT OF THIS!?

WERE YOU REALLY LOOKING AT DICK PICS ON YOUR PHONE DURING HOMEROOM? WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?

I WAS JUST CHECKING OUT TWITTER WHEN A BUNCH OF FOREIGN WHITE GUYS SENT ME A FLOOD OF DICK PICS.

HOW ABOUT THIS?

OH GOD, WHAT KIND OF CREEPY SIBLING WOULD DO THAT! I CAN'T USE THAT AS AN EXCUSE!

OH, WELL, MY LITTLE BROTHER JUST SENT ME HIS AS A PRANK.

WHAA, NO WAY.

ONE OF MY FRIENDS FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL SENT THEM TO ME AS A PRANK.

I WAS SO SHOCKED I FORGOT TO DELETE THEM RIGHT AWAY!

NOT BAD, BUT IF HE ASKS WHAT MY TWITTER IS, I'M SUNK.

IN THAT CASE...

LIKE HELL I'M DOING THAT, YOU RETARD! WELL, AT LEAST HE BOUGHT IT...

DAMN, SHE'S CUTE!

DOES SHE HAVE A BOYFRIEND? IF NOT, YOU'VE TOTALLY GOTTA INTRODUCE ME SOME-TIME!

N-NO, REALLY!

LOOK, SHE'S THE ONE WHO SENT THEM TO ME!

I'M SORRY YUU-CHAN.

YOU SURE YOU WEREN'T JUST LOOKING AT THEM FOR FUN?

I CAN ACTUALLY TALK TO A GUY WITHOUT SPAGHETTI-ING ALL OVER THE PLACE.

BUT STILL, I'VE SURE GROWN A LOT.

Really? Let me see!

Check it out. Kuroki-san's friend is hella cute.

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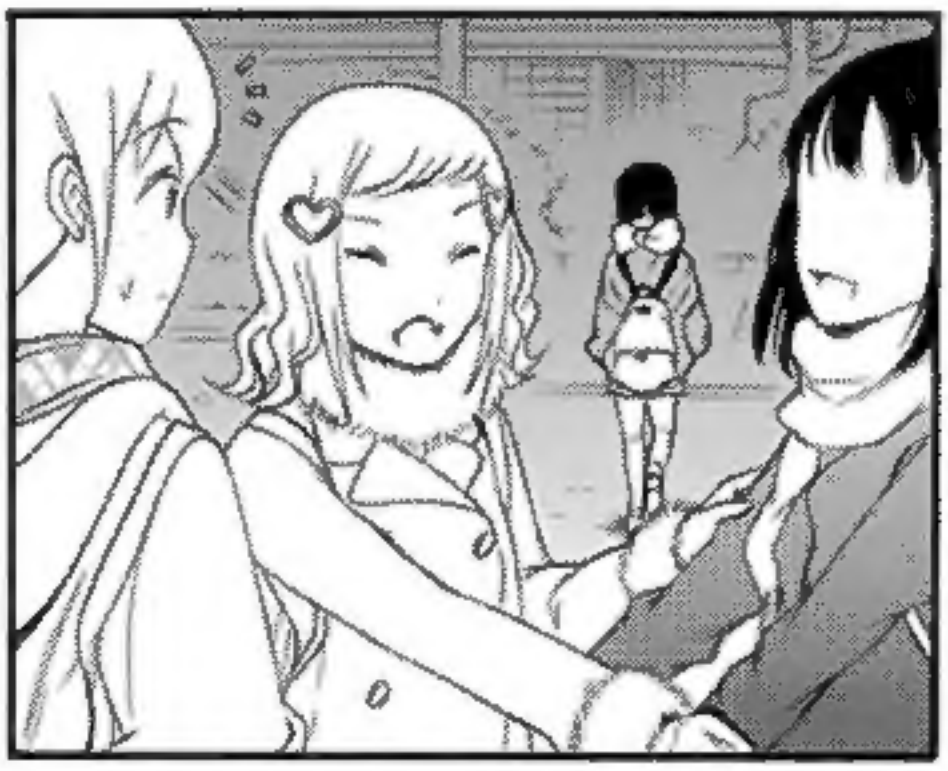
WE'RE GOING TO A KARAOKE BAR FOR THE AFTER-PARTY FOR WHOEVER WANTS TO COME!

IT'S OVER AT BIG ECHO, SO IT'S ONLY LIKE A MINUTE'S WALK FROM HERE.

I'M REALLY SORRY! I PROMISE I'LL GO NEXT TIME!

AWW, COME ON! CAN'T YOU READ THE MOOD A LITTLE!?

SORRY, BUT I'LL HAVE TO PASS.



YEAH, I DON'T REALLY FEEL LIKE IT.

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO THE AFTERPARTY?

THE STATION'S CLOSER SO I FIGURED I'D JUST TAKE THE TRAIN INSTEAD.

WAIT, DON'T YOU USUALLY TAKE THE BUS?

MAKO!

YURI, WAIT UP!

I REALLY WANTED TO SPEND TIME HANGING OUT WITH THE FOUR OF US...

BUT THEY GOT SEATED WITH OTHER PEOPLE, SO...

I KIND OF WANTED TO SPEND A BIT MORE TIME WITH KUROKI-SAN AND YOSHIDA-SAN...

HEY, MAKO...

YOU KNOW,

AH...

SORRY...

I BAILED. BESIDES, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO INVITED ME IN THE FIRST PLACE, BUT YOU'RE DITCHING TOO.

WHAT ABOUT THE AFTER-PARTY?

YOSHIDA-SAN!?

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KUROKI-SAN.

AH!

SO IN ORDER TO AVOID LOOKING LIKE AN IDIOT, LEAVING AFTER DINNER WAS THE BEST CHOICE.

I FEEL LIKE GOING TO KARAOKE WOULD BE A HUGE DISASTER WAITING TO HAPPEN.

SOMEHOW I MANAGED TO MAKE MY WAY THROUGH DINNER, BUT...

N-NO.

MY THROAT'S FEELING A LITTLE SCRATCHY SO I LEFT.

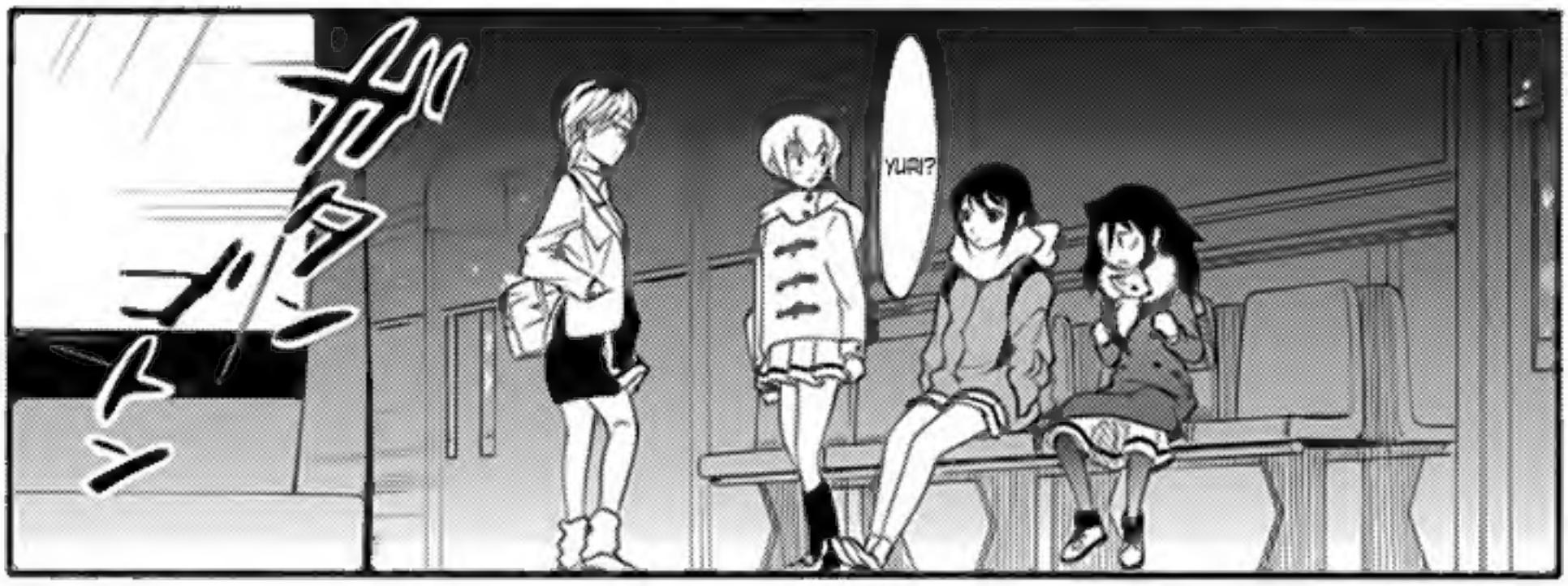
Since they said they were doing karaoke.

YOU DIDN'T GO TO THE AFTERPARTY EITHER?

I'D SAY MY GROWTH SINCE LAST YEAR WOULD BE AN 'A'.

Though, my ability to keep it up for any amount of time is still like a 'D'.

NOT ONLY AM I ABLE TO MAKE CALM AND RATIONAL DECISIONS NOW, BUT I'VE ALSO GOT A HANDLE ON WHAT SOCIAL SITUATIONS TO AVOID.



THEIR FEELINGS FOR EACH OTHER GROW STRONGER...

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